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## IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## PRESS RELEASE MAKING WOMEN VISIBLE 2004!

Hartford--The state legislature's Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW), the Connecticut Women's Agenda (CWA) and the Connecticut Women's Health Campaign (CWHC) have announced plans for the 10th annual *Making Women Visible Day* in the state of Connecticut on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The 9:30 AM press conference in Room 1D of the Legislative Office Building will open with remarks from Tanya Meck, Chairperson of the PCSW; **Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz; Treasurer Denise Nappier; Comptroller Nancy Wyman; Attorney General Richard Blumenthal; Senator Kevin Sullivan, President Pro Tempore of the Senate; Representative Moira Lyons, Speaker of the House; Senator Judith Freedman, Deputy Senate Republican Leader; Senator Martin Looney, Senate Majority Leader; Representative Lenny Winkler, Assistant House Minority Leader.** A half-day symposium on women's issues with three lively panel presentations will begin at 10:30 AM.

The complete schedule of the day follows:

## **Making Women Visible: A Symposium on Women's Issues**

*Schedule -- Legislative Office Building, Hartford*

**Press Conference**

**Room 1D**

**9:30 AM**

### **Nourishing Good Health: Eating Disorders and Nutrition Policy**

**LOB**

**Room 1A**

**10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

The PCSW and CT Women's Health Campaign are co-sponsoring this panel to raise awareness about the prevalence and causes of eating disorders, obesity and other medical conditions related to diet, and the need for public policies that promote good nutrition in our schools.

### **Gender Appropriate Policies for Incarcerated Women**

**LOB**

**Room 1B**

**10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

Panelists representing state agencies and community-based programs will discuss the need for gender-appropriate services, including transitional services for female offenders and identifying strengths and weaknesses in our current criminal justice system.

### **Workers' Compensation, Unemployment Insurance and Women Business Owners**

**LOB**

**Room 1C**

**10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

Protecting workers' rights and meeting the challenge of running a business -- a panel of female entrepreneurs and workers' advocates will discuss strategies to find the right balance and identify common interests.

The PCSW was established by the CT General Assembly in 1973. The Commission studies all matters concerning women, informs leaders about the nature and scope of discrimination, serves as a liaison between government and private interest groups concerned with services for women, promotes consideration of women for governmental positions and works with state agencies to access programs and practices as they affect women. The Connecticut Women's Agenda comprised of approximately 25 organizations was initiated by the PCSW to provide an opportunity for groups that work on women's issues to share information and ideas. The Connecticut Women's Health Campaign is a coalition of organizations working for the health and well-being of women in Connecticut.

**For more information regarding the day's activities, contact the PCSW at 860-240-8300.**

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